



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (June 2004)****(Implements RCW 34.05.310)**  
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making**Agency:** Office of the Insurance Commissioner**Subject of possible rule making:** Establishing a Market Assistance Plan for Liability Insurance

Insurance Commissioner Matter No. R 2004-02

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 48.02.060 and 48.22.050

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** The Commissioner is concerned about the availability, adequacy, and the cost of liability insurance. Consumers seeking to buy a variety of liability insurance products have contacted the Commissioner about problems finding insurers to provide coverage, the adequacy of the coverage being offered, and the price of liability insurance. Following a legislative directive, the OIC is researching the nature and scope of problems in the liability insurance market. This research may demonstrate the need for a number of alternative solutions to this problem, including creation of a market assistance plan.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:**  
None

**Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**

- ☐ Negotiated rule making  
☐ Pilot rule making  
☒ Agency study  
☒ Other Send written comments by August 9, 2004 to

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**How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:**

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